

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	US 6 428 663 B1 (MOSTOVY ROMAN ET AL) 6 August 2002 (2002-08-06) column 3, lines 7-26 -----	1,5
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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1. claims: 1-18

A method of treating a component of a deposition apparatus, the component having a first hardness, by bead blasting with particles having a greater or equal hardness than the first hardness, the particles consisting essentially of one or both of metal alloy and elemental metal.

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2. claims: 19-56

A method and a corresponding product of forming a target/backing plate construction, providing a target, a backing plate and an insert, all having different compositions from each other, bonding the target, the backing plate and the insert in a configuration in which the insert is positioned between at least a portion of the target and the backing plate; the configuration having a surface which extends along a portion of the target and a portion of the insert; and forming a particle trapping region comprising a pattern of curved projections which extends along the portion of the target, the curved projections form cavities, at least some of the cavities opening laterally along the target/backing construction.

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